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# Note the Following Letters, Testimonials, Etc.

NOTE: When writing to my references please enclose a three cent stamp for reply.

BALTIMORE TRUST COMPANY  
SELBYVILLE, DEL.

CALVIN B. TAYLOR BANKING CO.  
BERLIN, MD.

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify that I have known Mr. C. S. Perdue for many years. He is a man of high moral character and has had many years of experience in growing fine strawberry plants. He gives all orders his personal attention thereby assuring his customers good, reliable stock, and true to name. He carries a satisfactory account with the BALTIMORE TRUST CO., and we stand ready at any time to answer inquiries if requested.

I am Yours truly, I. L. Long, Cashier.

To Whom It May Concern:

Mr. Charles S. Perdue of Showell, Md. has been one of our valued customers for a number of years and stands well in the community. His personal and business relations with us have always been pleasant and very satisfactory. Having devoted his time to the raising of plants, we consider him experienced, capable and desirous of giving his customers the best possible service.

Very truly yours, Reese F. Cropper, Cashier.

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James Crouse of Pa. writes May 13, 1934: "The 1000 Premier plants received in fine condition and they were nice plants."

Leslie E. Tucker of Va. writes May 14, 1934: "I received the plants in fine condition. They are the best plants I ever saw."

Harvey W. Dunham of N. Y. writes June 29, 1934: "We have been buying your strawberry plants for 10 years with entire satisfaction. The plants I received this year arrived in perfect condition, are growing fine. Hardly lost a plant through the drought. How can you sell so cheap?"

Geo. B. Taylor of Pa. writes: "Thank you for the manner in which you handled my order for strawberry plants. They were beautiful and thrifty. Although we had a very dry period after setting plants only a few died. Your plants pleased me very much. I shall urge my friends to send their orders to you. Thanks for so many extras."

Wm. Ford of Pa. writes: "Strawberry plants received in wonderful condition."

Shearl R. Ferguson of Va. writes April 21, 1934: "I received my 5000 plants the 13th. They were in first class condition. The way you pack and ship your plants I believe they would keep for a month. I am much pleased with the quality. I expect to get another lot next spring. I can say you sure do give good count; instead of 25 in a bunch, they are 28 in a bunch."

John E. M. Childs of Maine writes April 2, 1934: "Strawberry plants received in first class condition. Thanks."

Alonza A. Rotz of Pa. writes March 2, 1934: "I received the plants in the best condition. Your plants are all that one could wish for in good healthy plants. We lost very few from the 4000 we bought last year from you and they are looking fine."

Joe E. Snively of Ohio writes April 21, 1934: "Berry plants received today in fine shape. Am well pleased with them and will place future orders with you."

H. E. Robinson of Pa. writes July 13, 1934: "Kindly send me prices on strawberry plants. I was much pleased with the plants I got a few years ago."

Geo. A. Lowe of N. Y. writes June 15, 1934: "Am well pleased with the Premier strawberry plants that I purchased from you some time ago. The plants were in good condition and well packed when I received them. I also had good full count. Only one or two plants died after I set them out. The berries are large and have a very fine flavor."

Wm. F. Kline of Pa. writes May 7, 1934: "Received strawberry plants in good condition. They were fine. Not one failed to grow."

S. Suomi of Mass. writes April 30, 1934: "Plants arrived April 27 in nice order. They were the finest plants I ever got of anybody."

Dwight Seymour of N. Y. writes April 27, 1934: "The Premier plants arrived in first class condition. I am agreeably surprised in quality as well as price. It is evident that you know the strawberry business."

Geo. Pels of N. J. writes Sept. 10, 1934: "The 2000 strawberry plants made a very fine bed for next spring. Book me for 1000 Premier plants for next April."

Myrtle K. Maurer of Pa. writes May 24, 1934: "Received Premier plants in fine condition and in such a hurry. I could not believe they did come so quick. They look as though they would all grow. Many thanks for good count."

**Cultural Instructions.** Early spring is the proper time to set out strawberry plants, just as soon as the weather permits getting the ground ready. In the south February, March and early April. In the middle states March and April. Any soil that will grow good garden or field crops will grow strawberries. They respond quickly to good soil and good cultivation. It is best to avoid sod land on account of white grubs cutting off the young plants. If plants are set out on sod land it should be plowed in the fall and harrowed as often as possible and many of the white grubs will be killed. The land should be well prepared before plants are set out; mark the rows about 3½ to 4 feet apart and set plants about 12 to 15 inches apart in the rows, with all the roots set straight in the ground, pack soil firmly around the plant. It is better to have the roots clipped a little rather than doubled up in the ground. Most all strawberries are grown by the matted row system; that is to leave about all the runners on the parent plant to take root and make a wide row, leaving enough room in the alley for the convenience of the pickers. Barnyard manure is the best for strawberries if broadcast on the land and worked into the soil before plants are set out. Commercial fertilizers broadcast and worked in the soil before plants are set will give good results; if applications of fertilizer are made at any time after plants are set do not apply when plants are wet as it will injure them, also it is better to use a broom to brush the fertilizer off the plants. Do not use fertilizer in the row under the plants before they are set as it will cause the plants to perish and die. For top-dressing the bearing beds in spring a 5-8-5 or 7-6-5 will give good results at the rate of about 600 to 800 pounds per acre.

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**Perdue's Strawberry Plant Farms, C. S. Perdue, Showell, Maryland**



# PERDUE'S STRAWBERRY PLANT FARMS

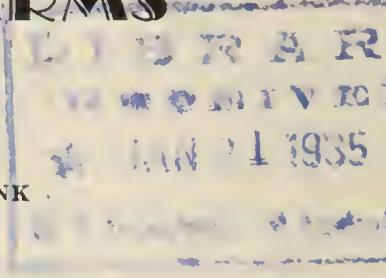
C. S. PERDUE, Owner and General Manager

## STRAWBERRY PLANTS MY SPECIALTY

BALTIMORE TRUST COMPANY  
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REFERENCES:  
CALVIN B. TAYLOR BANKING CO.  
BERLIN, MD.

THE BISHOPVILLE BANK  
BISHOPVILLE, MD.



*Showell, Maryland,*

Dear Friends and Patrons:

I am writing you in reference to your orders for strawberry plants as I have millions of them grown on land that is especially adapted for producing large size well rooted, disease free plants. My plants are properly fertilized and cultivated under the best methods for producing "Best Quality" Strawberry Plants. They are State Certified and 100 per cent true to name. You cannot get any better stock no matter where you get them.

I have had forty years experience in growing and shipping plants. I give your orders my prompt and personal attention in regards to the growing, digging, packing, shipping, etc., assuring you the most efficient service.

The plants are put in proper shape and tied in bundles of 25 plants each, correctly labeled and packed in light baskets and crates with plenty of damp moss so they will reach you in perfect condition for planting, and producing a very large crop of fine strawberries.

## Description of Varieties with Prices

Prices by express or parcel post—receiver to pay transportation charges. Terms: Cash with order.

**PREMIER.** (Early). This is the best variety to plant in most all sections of the country, except Florida, on account of it being extremely productive of very large size bright red berries with green caps. This variety does not bloom early, making it almost frost proof. If you want Premier plants that grow and produce large crops of fancy strawberries that will sell in your markets for profitable prices, order Perdue's Premier Plants, the kind that is planted by the most successful strawberry growers in this country. 100% true to name.

PRICES: 25 plants 25c; 50 plants 40c; 100 plants 50c; 200 plants 75c; 300 plants \$1.00; 400 plants \$1.20; 500 plants \$1.50; 1000 plants \$2.75; 5000 plants \$12.50.

**BELLMAR.** (Early). The berries are very rich red in color and large size. The time of ripening is about the same as Premier. It has good shipping qualities, makes a good fruiting bed and is very productive. Order Perdue's Bellmar plants, they are 100% true to name.

PRICES: 25 plants 25c; 50 plants 40c; 100 plants 50c; 200 plants 75c; 300 plants \$1.00; 400 plants \$1.20; 500 plants \$1.50; 1000 plants \$2.75; 5000 plants \$12.50.

**BIG JOE—JOE JOHNSON—JOE.** (Midseason). This is one of the best varieties to plant. It produces heavily of very large size, bright red berries of excellent quality and flavor, that will make real money for you. Order Perdue's large size, vigorous, 100% true to name Big Joe plants.

PRICES: 25 plants 25c; 50 plants 40c; 100 plants 50c; 200 plants 75c; 300 plants \$1.00; 400 plants \$1.20; 500 plants \$1.50; 1000 plants \$2.75; 5000 plants \$12.50.

**BLAKEMORE.** (Early). Extremely productive of large, bright red berries of an excellent quality. A good shipping variety. They make a prolific growth of plants on almost all types of soil. Perdue's Blakemore plants are large size, healthy plants, 100% true to name.

PRICES: 25 plants 25c; 50 plants 40c; 100 plants 50c; 200 plants 75c; 300 plants \$1.00; 400 plants \$1.20; 500 plants \$1.50; 1000 plants \$2.75; 5000 plants \$12.50.

**CHESAPEAKE.** (Midseason to late). A standard well known variety, and a real money maker. Berries large size, regular in shape and very productive. Perdue's Chesapeake plants are extra large size, with clean, healthy foliage, disease free and 100% true to name.

PRICES: 25 plants 25c; 50 plants 40c; 100 plants 60c; 200 plants \$1.00; 300 plants \$1.20; 400 plants \$1.60; 500 plants \$2.00; 1000 plants \$3.50.

**DORSETT.** (Early). A promising new variety originating from the U. S. D. A. and is a vigorous growing variety producing many runners. The berries are bright red color and excellent quality. My stock of plants are above the average in size and quality and they are disease free and 100% true to name. Order Perdue's Dorsett strawberry plants.

PRICES: 25 plants 25c; 50 plants 50c; 100 plants 75c; 200 plants \$1.25; 300 plants \$1.75; 400 plants \$2.00; 500 plants \$2.50; 1000 plants \$4.50.

**FAIRFAX.** (Early). This promising new variety originating from the U. S. D. A. is a vigorous grower of very large size, healthy plants. The berries are very uniform in size, bright red color and present a very handsome appearance. My stock of Fairfax plants is very vigorous and healthy, 100% true to name. Order Perdue's Fairfax strawberry plants.

PRICES: 25 plants 25c; 50 plants 50c; 100 plants 75c; 200 plants \$1.25; 300 plants \$1.75; 400 plants \$2.00; 500 plants \$2.50; 1000 plants \$4.50.

**GANDY.** (Late to very late). A good grower of plants. Berries large size, bright red with green caps. For large crops of real fancy berries that sell for high prices in the markets, order Perdue's large size, well rooted, disease free, 100% true to name Gandy plants.

PRICES: 25 plants 25c; 50 plants 40c; 100 plants 50c; 200 plants 75c; 300 plants \$1.00; 400 plants \$1.20; 500 plants \$1.50; 1000 plants \$2.75; 5000 plants \$12.50.

**WYONA.** (The latest variety known). This variety produces large crops of bright red berries that are very firm with green caps, making them very attractive when placed on the market. If a very late berry is desired, order Perdue's large size, disease free, 100% true to name Wyona plants. Note: I am inclined to believe that for best results this variety should be planted near some of the perfect flowering varieties like Big Joe or Chesapeake.

PRICES: 25 plants 25c; 50 plants 40c; 100 plants 50c; 200 plants 75c; 300 plants \$1.00; 400 plants \$1.20; 500 plants \$1.50; 1000 plants \$2.75; 5000 plants \$12.50.

**PROGRESSIVE.** (Fallbearing.) The best everbearing variety to plant. They produce good crops of the best strawberries you ever ate. My stock of Progressive plants is large size, disease free, and 100% true to name. Order Perdue's Progressive plants.

PRICES: 25 plants 25c; 50 plants 40c; 100 plants 50c; 200 plants 75c; 300 plants \$1.00; 400 plants \$1.20; 500 plants \$1.50; 1000 plants \$2.75; 5000 plants \$12.50.

A Certificate of Inspection from our State Entomologist and State Pathologist will accompany each shipment.

NOTE THE TESTIMONIALS. Your correspondence is solicited. I enclose order sheet and envelope. Soliciting your orders and awaiting your commands and thanking you. I remain,

Very respectfully,

C. S. PERDUE.